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Seeking comments on proposed restrictions to driving on two sections of ocean shore in Lincoln City

SALEM, Ore— The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is requesting public comment on a proposed administrative rule amendment to restrict motor vehicles on two sections of the ocean shore in Lincoln City. The deadline for comments is 5 p.m. July 20, 2023.

Currently, vehicles are allowed on the ocean shore within 150 feet of NW 34th Street and NW 15th Street in Lincoln City, according to [OAR 736-024-0025](#).

One proposed change would ban vehicles year-round at [NW 34th Street](#) in Lincoln City. The parking lot is already closed to vehicle traffic by city ordinance.

The second proposed change would close vehicle access to the beach from on [NW 15th Street](#) May 1 to Sept. 30 or whenever conditions were unsafe. The access is already closed by city ordinance from May 26 to Sept. 5. The proposed change would also expand the area of shore open to vehicles from 150 feet to 300 feet on each side of NW 15th when access is open.

“We’re proposing these changes in cooperation with the city as we both try to improve the quality of the beach experience and keep people and vehicles from mixing on a busy beach,” says OPRD spokesperson Chris Havel. “The tricky part is striking a balance between those concerns and easy, fair access to the tremendous gift that is the Oregon ocean shore.”

Comments may be made online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/opr/PRP/Pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx>

At a public hearing either in person or virtually 6 p.m. July 18. For those attending virtually, register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_liOD_VWVSiVsIA6rBGA_A

To attend in person, go to: Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place, Lincoln City, OR 97367.

By email to opr.d.publiccomment@opr.d.oregon.gov , and

in writing to: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Attn.: Katie Gauthier, 725 Summer St NE, Suite C Salem OR 97301

More information about this rulemaking including maps and a copy of the rule text is available on the OPRD rulemaking website: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PRP/Pages/PRP-rulemaking.aspx>

Individuals who require special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact Robert Ellison, at least three days in advance of a meeting by calling (971) 304-4689.

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